

Drainage Board
May 7, 2007 – 11:34 am

Meeting called to order by President Logsdon. Members Logsdon, Rininger, Gogel, and Attorney Robinson were present.

Minutes

April 2, 2007 minutes. Rininger made the motion to approve. Logsdon seconded. Gogel abstained because he was not on the board at the time of the meeting. All in favor.

AEP

Frank Ingram, representing AEP, showed the board an aerial photo of AEP. Ingram stated that it is his understanding that the drain running through the AEP property is the responsibility of AEP to keep clean. Ingram said AEP refers to the drain as Schafer Drain. It is on the legal drain system as Whitehouse Drain. Deputy Auditor Graham stated it is a legal drain but no assessment is being collected. Ingram said AEP has budgeted money to clean the drain out this year. Logsdon asked if the drain is cleaned at a level that the water coming in will continue to flow down to Honey Creek. Ingram said no, not without the county's help. Ingram stated AEP is planning to clean the drain along CR 300 to the west through the AEP landfill over to Honey Creek. Ingram stated AEP would like the county to clean the ditches out in front of the Grandview Sewer and along old CR 400. Logsdon said that when Surveyor Sublett returns he will be contacted to see what the county can do. Gogel asked what the legalities are of an individual cleaning out a county drain. Rininger stated it is done all the time. Robinson stated that as long as the drain is not obstructed, there is not a problem.

Indiana 15

Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 handed out general guidelines for assessment of floodplains. She discussed possibilities of grants available to the county for drainage. The Community Focus Fund Program is available to benefit low and moderate income people. The Town of Dale is currently using this program. Under this fund each beneficiary can receive \$5,000, up to a maximum \$500,000. This could be used by the county on a community by community basis, but a plan and a set of priorities would be needed. Gehlhausen also stated that after the decision is made on the Public Safety Building, the Homeland Security Grant may be used for drainage problems tied to flooding up to a maximum \$3 million. Logsdon questioned how an area of low and moderate income people is determined in an unincorporated town. Gehlhausen stated it would be the people affected by the watershed and 51% of the people would have to be low to moderate income. Logsdon asked if it would hurt the county if it is for an assessed drain. Gehlhausen said that would be figured in the local match. Logsdon asked if it would help that there is a potential health problem due to standing water. Gehlhausen said that would be part of the reason for the grant. Logsdon explained that a county drainage committee has been working on prioritizing. Gehlhausen said Indiana 15 can print out the different watersheds and Tom Moseley with Indiana 15 has experience working in this area. Shelton gave Gehlhausen a copy of the BLA watershed study done in 2000 for her review.

Legal Report

Robinson gave the board a rough draft of an ordinance he is working on concerning major unregulated drains, using the Home Rule Statute.

Other Business

Daniel Kopp - Logsdon stated that there was work done on Daniel Kopp Drain and the board was told it was Little Pigeon Creek Drain. Graham stated the money can be moved from the control maintenance to Daniel Kopp. Logsdon asked Robinson to make sure that the transfer of money to the Daniel Kopp Drain is legal.

Drain Expenditure Procedure - Logsdon asked how much the surveyor can do on his own without board approval. Robinson stated the board can set up the procedure which the surveyor would follow. Logsdon requested permission from the other board members to work with Robinson to develop a procedure. Rininger made the motion to approve the request. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Huffman Drain - Logsdon stated the surveyor approved the installation of a tile that is not covered by expenditures allowable by statute. Now a contractor is owed \$1,000 that was not approved. Robinson stated the board is obligated to pay for the work done. Logsdon said the board needs to know where money can legally come from.

Country Ridge Estates – Painter told the board that Perdue with the Country Ridge Estate Property Owners Association brought to his attention that a property owner across from the subdivision has put in a culvert and rip rap dams that slows the water down that flows across his property. This is causing the water to back up. Logsdon told Painter to have Sublett look into the problem.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Rininger seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Drainage Board,

_____ President	_____
Attest:	
_____ Cindy Shelton, Auditor	_____
